GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of land remaining unutilised for a long time after acquisition have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the New Land Acquisition Law is likely to have any adverse effect on the development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b): Land and its management falls under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. Acquisition of land for various projects is done by the concerned State Governments /UT Administrations. Thus the information regarding land remaining unutilized after acquisition is not maintained by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) : The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013 came into effect from 01.01.2014 to ensure among other things a humane, participative, informed and transparent process for land acquisition for industrialization, development of essential infrastructural facilities and urbanisation with the least disturbance to the owners of the land and other affected families and provide just and fair compensation to the affected families whose land has been acquired or proposed to be acquired or are affected by such acquisition.